

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3492 OF 2024

Rohidas Jivan Karote

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

Ms. Shubhangi Parulekar, learned Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Shriram S. Chaudhari, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni (Through Legal-aid), learned Advocate for Respondent No. 2.

PSI Mr. Santosh Muluk attached to Ghodegaon Police Station, Pune Rural is present in the Court.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 11th AUGUST 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard Ms. Shubhangi Parulekar, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mr. Shriram Chaudhari, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

2. On 20th August 2024, notice was issued to Respondent No. 2.

3. Mr. Shriram Chaudhari, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent on instructions from the Investigating Officer submits that Respondent No. 2 is served and a request is received from Respondent No. 2 seeking appointment of an Advocate from the Legal-aid Panel to represent her.

4. In view of the request made by Respondent No. 2 for legal

assistance, Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Advocate on the Legal-aid Panel of this Court, who is present in the Court, is requested to represent Respondent No. 2.

5. At the request of the Court, Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Advocate has agreed to appear and represent the Complainant/Respondent No. 2 in the present Bail Application.

6. Mr. Shriram Chaudhari, learned A.P.P. is requested to communicate Respondent No. 2 about the appointment of Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Advocate, as her lawyer to represent her in the present Bail Application. Maharashtra Legal-aid Committee to take a note of appointment of Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Advocate, under the Legal-aid Scheme to represent Respondent No. 2 in the present Bail Application.

7. Ms. Shubhangi Parulekar, learned Advocate for the Applicant assures the Court to furnish a copy of entire paper-book of the present Bail Application to Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Appointed Advocate within a period of 3 days from today.

8. Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Appointed Advocate seeks some time to prepare in the matter.

9. At the request of Mr. Vaibhav Kulkarni, learned Appointed Advocate and by consent of the parties, list the matter on **3rd September 2025**.

[ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.]

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